HOUSE BILL 80

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, relative to local correctional facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-140, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(f) No existing local correctional facility shall be decertified if the sole cause for decertification is that the square footage of the single-occupancy or multi-occupancy cells is less than the standards prescribed by the rules of the Tennessee corrections institute if the square footage is within minimum standards required by the American Correctional Association's Manual of Correctional Standards or any similar publication that permits less square footage for such cells.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.